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1. AS FINAL WEEK OF CONFERENCE BEGINS, DEPARTMENT'S
REVIEW OF YOUR EXCELLENT AND COMPREHENSIVE REPORTING
SHOWS FEW, IF ANY, SURPRISE DEVELOPMENTS WHICH SHOULD
CAUSE US TO DIGRESS FROM STRATEGY AGREED TO DURING PRE-
BUCHAREST INTER-AGENCY DISCUSSIONS. VIRULENCE OF SOME
ATTACKS AGAIN EMPHASIZE WISDOM OF "SUBTLY, NOT
BLATANTLY" PURSUING US POLICY OBJECTIVES. AT SAME TIME
WE BELIEVE DELEGATION, DEPENDING ON BUCHAREST ATMOSPHERICS,
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MIGHT USEFULLY PRESENT OUR VIEWS ON MAIN POINTS OF

DIFFERENCE WHICH HAVE RECEIVED CONSIDERABLE PRESS
ATTENTION IN US. AS WE SEE THEM THEY ARE:

A. DEVELOPED WORLD AND INEQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF
RESOURCES. WHILE CONFERENCE FOCUS ON THIS SUBJECT COMES
AS NO SURPRISE, SHRILLNESS OF SOME OF THE RHETORIC
("VULGAR AFFLUENCE," "POVERTY CULPRITS") MAY GIVE US AN
OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT OUR SIDE IN LOW KEY MANNER. FROM
YOUR REPORTING A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES SUBSCRIBE TO THIS
CRITICISM, BUT UNDOUBTEDLY MANY ARE DUBIOUS ABOUT
DOCTRINAIRE SOCIALIST LINE ON THIS ISSUE, ESPECIALLY
THOSE WHO HAVE BENEFITED FROM RECENT INCREASES IN THEIR
OWN GNP. IN ADDITION, WOULD THINK YOU COULD UNDERSCORE
SECTION OF SECTY WEINBERGER'S SPEECH IN WHICH HE

EMPHASIZED THAT 87 OF THE RESOURCES CONSUMED IN THE US
ORIGINATE IN THE US. DELEGATION HANDLING OF DIFFICULT
REFERENCES TO NEW INTERNATIONAL ORDER AND PROGRAM
OF ACTION APPEARS TO BE KEEPING OTHERS ON FIRM NOTICE
THAT WE DO NOT INTEND TO BE PRESSURED INTO UNACCEPTABLE
POSITIONS IN THIS AREA. DEPT. WOULD APPRECIATE FULL
TEXTS OF REFERENCES TO ABOVE ORDER AND PROGRAM AS THEY
ARE AGREED.

B. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IS THE BEST CONTRACEPTIVE.
AGAIN A FAMILIAR THEME. GIVEN CONFERENCE DYNAMICS, IF
YOU CONSIDER IT APPROPRIATE, SUGGEST MEMBERS OF THE
DELEGATION USE MATERIAL CONTAINED IN DELEGATION'S
CONFERENCE PAPERS (ESP PP 2-3 UNECD491/74 REV 1) TO
EXPLAIN WHAT US HAS DONE--AND CONTINUES TO DO--TO
SUPPORT GLOBAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. THE LARGE AMOUNT
OF US ASSISTANCE IN THIS FIELD CLEARLY SHOWS US
ADHERENCE TO DEVELOPMENT GOALS, AND SHOULD HELP REFUTE
ALLEGATIONS THAT WE FAVOR POPULATION CONTROL AT THE
EXPENSE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. OUR VIEW IS RATHER
THAT SUCH DEVELOPMENT CAN BE GREATLY ENCOURAGED BY
CONTROLLED POPULATION GROWTH, AND IN SOME CASES MAY
NOT BE POSSIBLE WITHOUT IT.

C. STATUS OF WOMEN. COMMITTEE III RESOLUTION (BUCHAREST
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3759) RIGHT ON THE MARK. SHRILL TONE OF POPULATION
TRIBUNE INTERVENTIONS BY BETTY FRIEDAN AND GERMAINE GREER
MIGHT OVERWHELM THIS POSITIVE ACTION IN BUCHAREST BUT
THE BROADER IMPLICATIONS FOR POSITIVE GLOBAL ACTION IN
THIS SPHERE SHOULD NOT BE MINIMIZED. ALSO RESOLUTION
WILL PROVIDE EXCELLENT LINK BETWEEN WPC AND INTERNATIONAL
WOMEN'S YEAR.

D. PRC DEMAGOGUERY. WE SHOULD NOT RESPOND PUBLICLY TO PRC SPEECH. HOWEVER, IF FRIENDLY DELEGATIONS QUERY YOU ABOUT THE PRC SPEECH, YOU CAN NOTE THAT ATTACKING THE SUPERPOWERS IS A STANDARD PRC LINE AND THAT WE DID NOT FIND IT SURPRISING THAT THE PRC L DELEGATION USED THE LINE AT THIS CONFERENCE. YOU COULD ALSO NOTE THAT DESPITE THE SEEMING GLORIFICATION OF WORLD POPULATION GROWTH IN THE IDEOLOGICAL PORTION OF THE SPEECH, THE PRC DELEGATE STATED IN EFFECT THAT THE PRC PRACTICES CERTAIN POPULATION CONTROL MEASURES AND STATEMENTS THAT EACH COUNTRY SHOULD DECIDE ITS OWN POPULATION POLICY SEEMS TO IMPLY THAT SOME LDCS WOULD WANT TO CONTROL POPULATION GROWTH.

E. ARGENTINA'S AMENDMENTS TO THE WPPA. YOUR REPORTING (BUCHAREST 3683) DOES NOT MAKE IT CLEAR WHETHER

ARGENTINA ADVOCATES GLOBAL MIGRATION TO HELP REDRESS POPULATION IMBALANCES OR ONLY INTRA CONTINENTAL MEASURES, I.E. ARGENTINA WOULD ACCEPT SIZABLE NUMBERS OF SOUTH AMERICAN IMMIGRANTS BUT ONLY A SELECTED FEW FROM ASIA AND AFRICA. BELIEVE ITS PRESENT HIGHLY SELECTIVE IMMIGRATION POLICY IS NOT CONSONANT WITH WHAT APPEARS TO BE THE RHETORIC OF ITS AMENDMENT.

2. US PRESS COVERAGE (REPRESENTATIVE CLIPPINGS SENT BY POUCH) HAS BEEN MODERATE. CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITORS RAZIA ISMAIL, UNDER HEADLINE "POPULATION PARLEY HEADED OFF TRACK?" AND SUB-HEADING "DISSENTING, COMPETING VOICES THREATEN TO PREEMPT THE DRAFTING OF UN PLAN OF ACTION", HAS GLOOMIEST ASSESSMENT OF ANY POSITIVE RESULTS FROM CONFERENCE. NY TIMES AND WASHINGTON POST HAVE KEPT REPORTING TO FACTUAL ACCOUNTS EXCEPT FOR TIMES
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EDITORIAL TODAY UNDER HEADING "DEMOGAGY IN BUCHAREST" CRITICIZING SOVIET AND PRC FOR USE OF CONFERENCE FOR "DEMOGAGIC POWER POLITICS ON THE PART OF GOVERNMENTS THAT INSIDE THEIR OWN COUNTRIES HAVE TAKEN STEPS TO CURB POPULATION GROWTH." KISSINGER

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